Earl Dufferin and Dufferin College.

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The following autograph communication has just been received from the Earl of Dufferin, late Governor-General of Canada, by the Principal of the above institution. It will be remembered that in the year 1877, in consequence of the movement for the erection of a Western University in this city, this institution, formerly styled Hellmuth College, having passed under the personal control of its present Principal, received, with the hearty sanction of the Earl of Dufferin, its present title; and that, up to the time of His Lordship's retirement from the Governorship of Canada, two medals had been annually presented to the Principal to be bestowed upon those students who should specially distinguish themselves in the different branches of study. Owing to the peculiar relation which this seat of learning continues to hold with regard to His Lordship, he has been pleased to perpetuate in its case these marks of his personal favor and appreciation. The noble Earl's communication was read by the Principal to the assembled students yesterday at the close of the dinner hour, and was received with hearty applause, the occasion being marked by the bestowal of a half-holiday. We heartily congratulate Dufferin College on the high position it holds in the estimation of its distinguished patron:—

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MY DEAR DR. DARNELL,—I beg leave to acknowledge the receipt of your letter of the 25th October, and I hasten to congratulate you on the continued success of your college, which, I trust, is destined to prove one of the most distinguished and useful institutions in Canada.

I shall have great pleasure in complying with your suggestion about the new medals in a slightly modified form. As I am no longer Governor-General of Canada it would not be proper for me to continue to issue any of the medals I formerly had the pleasure of distributing in that capacity, but as you have done me the honor of giving my name to your school, I do not think there will be any impropriety in my making a special exception in your favor. What I propose to do, therefore, is to send you out every year two medals, one silver and one bronze. The obverse of these will be similar to the obverse on the original medals, representing my coat of arms. The reverse, however, shall be left blank in order that the name of the successful competitor, with the date and circumstances of the contest, may be inscribed upon it at your own discretion.

A medal of the kind will be more unique than the one you yourself have suggested. I will not, however, move in the matter until I have had the pleasure of hearing from you.

Believe me, my dear Dr. Darnell,

Yours very sincerely,

DUFFERIN.